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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUGS, WEAPONS VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced today for drugs and firearm violations.

Erick L. Williams, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to 11 years and five months in prison without parole.

On July 17, 2002, Williams pleaded guilty to distribution of crack cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, Williams admitted that he distributed crack cocaine on January, 11, 2002. He also admitted that he was in possession of a Savage Arms .20 gauge shotgun on that day. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, as a result of Williams' 1999 felony criminal conviction in Jackson County for tampering.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department's Drug Enforcement Unit.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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